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Advisory Action

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 19 July 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-13.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____

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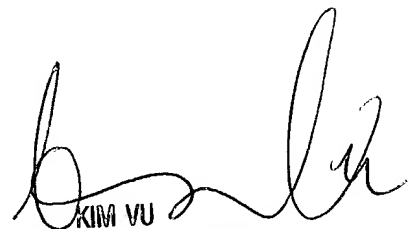
Applicant argues that Claims 10 and 12-13 find support by referring to Fig. 7 of the drawings, which illustrate that the landmark position database is not part of the Web 55. Additionally applicant argues Claims 9 and 11 find support from element of 2 of Fig. 1.

After careful consideration of applicant's arguments and the cited Figures examiner maintains that the negative limitations of Claims 9-13 do not find support in the written disclosure. MPEP 2173.05(i) states "Any negative limitation or exclusionary statement must have basis in the original disclosure". Examiner finds no teachings of a database that "stores no other information besides a plurality of pairs of textual expressions and position information, as a plurality of unit records." or "a database that is not accessible via the World Wide Web" in the written description. Specification, page 14, lines 5-20 seems to disclose that the textual expression information is retrieved from a database and used by a search engine to perform a WWW or Internet search. This appears to contradict applicant's claim for a database that is not accessible via the World Wide Web.

Applicant also argues "there is no disclosure or suggestion that Barros' back-end databases are databases on the World-Wide Web." Examiner disagrees with applicant. Barros explicitly discloses that the databases are connected to the Internet and that information on the Internet is used to update the databases (col 10, lines 30-40; col 17, lines 60-65).

Applicant also argues "the browser outputs to a search engine a textual expression pertaining to a name and contents of the landmark as a keyword to present search results obtained by the search engine". Examiner maintains that Barros' system performs the claimed querying using keywords selected from a map (col 16, lines 40-50; col 17, lines 10-30, 60-65).

Examiner maintains that the claimed invention is unpatentable.


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